

CRATFIELD NEWS

June 2022



PLATINUM JUBILEE
1952 - 2022

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Friday June 3rd Cratfield Jubilee
Celebrations

See Village Hall pages for details

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Sue Moore and her little Cavalier Tilly who have recently moved into Peninsula House, Bell Green. We hope they will enjoy life here in Cratfield. They have already sampled the fun of the Dog Show so we hope to see them at future events and taking walks around the village.

R. I. P.

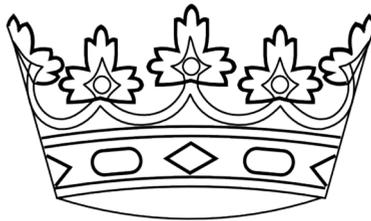
Most of you who knew the Clarks will have heard the sad news of the death of Bob on May 1st in Louisiana. Bob and Anne lived at West Hinder in Manse Lane for many years and were well known and valued members of our community. When Anne's health began to deteriorate, they moved to Halesworth as they had been unable to find another suitable home in Cratfield, the village they loved. After Anne passed away in 2020 Bob decided he would like to return home to the USA to be nearer to his family. He finally achieved his goal but unfortunately after not too many months he suffered a heart attack from which the medics were unable to save him.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Hopefully the weather will be fine and as many as possible will be able to join in our village celebratory day on Friday 3rd June. You can look forward to free afternoon tea, commemorative mugs for the children, family games and in the evening barbecue with bar and live music. So, make sure you make yourself available, it will be the last jubilee many of us will see!

Cratfield Quiz: The Queen

1. When was the Queen's coronation?
2. In which year did the Queen marry Prince Philip?
3. What is the name of the royal residence in Scotland?
4. How many children did the Queen have before she became queen?
5. When did the Queen's mother die?
6. Who crowned the Queen?
7. When was she born?
8. How many grandchildren has she got?
9. Who designed her wedding dress?
10. Which breed of dog does she keep?
11. Who was the first monarch to live in Buckingham Palace?
12. Where did she go on her first official tour as Queen?
13. In her official picture on the eve of her 96th birthday, what is she standing between?
14. How many Christmas day speeches has she made?
15. What was the name of her horse racing champion in the Oaks Stakes in 1957?
16. When did she make her first radio broadcast?
17. When was her silver jubilee?
18. Where are the Crown Jewels kept?
19. Who is the Queen's eldest grandchild?
20. When was the Queen Elizabeth bridge in Dartford built?



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Strawberry Custard Tart

with Chantilly cream

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In February 1972, after our Belize “triumph”, some exercising with a US Navy Carrier Battle Group off Florida, and a few days in Fort Lauderdale to enjoy the beaches and warm sunshine, we headed off to New York for a visit no-one wanted in February, except for the Admiral to whom we reported who had friends there and was mischievously rumoured to have hopes of a post-retirement job in New York.¹

February weather is arctic in NY. Moreover, the old liner piers in the Hudson river had not been dredged for a long time, so two buoys had been laid in the river for us to moor on. The Hudson was flooded by snow and running very fast, which obviously put great strain on the cable attaching the buoy to its riverbed anchors. As we entered, I was Special Sea Duty Officer of the Watch² and was conning the ship until it was time to hand over to the Captain for the actual moor. I should explain that when coming to head and stern buoys, “buoy jumpers” attach a wire to the forward buoy, and the buoy is hauled under the bow for them to attach the ship’s anchor cable, before manoeuvring the stern onto the stern buoy to repeat the process. It requires very accurate ship handling at very low speed, which is always difficult, especially with a very strong river current.

As we manoeuvred onto the stern buoy, I suddenly saw the forward buoy’s cable to the riverbed anchor part, throwing the buoy jumpers into freezing water and allowing the stream to swing us hard sideways, causing the buoy jumpers on the after buoy to leap into the water for their own safety. The Captain immediately ordered the after wire to be cut (an axe is always kept handy for this eventuality) and we were now steaming very slowly round NY harbour with nowhere to go. The buoy jumpers were rescued and returned quickly on board to be defrosted. Meanwhile the Admiral landed onboard by helicopter, took one look and headed off again because the grand reception he had planned was clearly not going to take place. Wisely he didn’t return to the ship during the visit! This at least cheered the Captain up – he and the Admiral were not particular friends.

We spent the next several hours steaming slowly round the vast harbour trying to find a place where we could anchor securely on good holding ground. At last we found safe anchorage close to Staten Island, a long way by boat from Manhattan. Once safely an-

chored we closed up a full 24 hour anchor watch, allowing the bridge team to stand down. Because of the very long shallow water run into NY, we had been at our posts for nine hours, without a meal, with occasional cups of coffee and a lot of stress and frustration. The buoys laid for us, doubtless a best laid plan, had simply not been man enough for the job; it had gang very apley! It was a very fraught moment, but we were trained to deal with the unexpected and things were astonishingly calm, given the great danger the ship had been in. We were woken next morning by the Officer of the Watch on the Main Broadcast,³ telling us that the temperature was 18 Fahrenheit! (minus 10 centigrade). After all that, the visit was something of an anti-climax. It took a long time via the Staten Island ferry and the subway to get to downtown NY and it was freezing cold for the whole visit.⁴ We didn't see NY at its best. I got ashore a couple of times and I did get to the top of the Empire State Building, guided by a nice Chinese lady I had met at a dinner party. I was shocked after 9/11, 30 years later, to find her name amongst those killed in the Twin Towers. There is an old military saying, learned from centuries' experience of crisis and warfare, that "A plan is merely a basis for change" or sometimes "No plan survives first contact with the enemy." In this case the enemy was the elements. Still, the speed of response to a real emergency and the initiative, uncomplaining flexibility and (mainly) good humour everyone showed were typical of what I saw throughout my naval career. It made the RN a wonderfully rewarding place to work.

Jeremy Blackham

1. His wife was American. Actually on retirement he was briefly Chairman of the London Playboy Club before moving on to a more appropriate post.
2. For entering and leaving harbour, or other risky manoeuvre, it is customary to keep a regular special team, the Special Sea Dutymen.
3. The ship's public address system.
4. Because of the risk to the ship, only 50% of the crew were allowed off at any one time so that there were always enough people on board to take the ship safely to sea and remain there.

June recipe - BACON AND BROAD BEAN RISOTTO

Ingredients:-

2 litres of chicken or vegetable stock	300g broad beans
3 tbsps olive oil	8 rashers of smoked bacon, diced
1 onion, finely chopped	350g Arborio rice
1 glass of white wine	80g grated Parmesan
50g butter	salt and pepper

Method:-

1. Bring the stock to the boil and add the beans. Cook for 3 minutes, then remove with a slotted spoon.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large pan and cook the bacon and onion until the onion is soft.
3. Add the rice and cook for 2 minutes, stirring.
4. Add the wine, and once evaporated, add the simmering stock, two ladles at a time, stirring continuously until all of it is absorbed (about 18minutes).
5. Once the rice is tender but with some bite, stir in the Parmesan, butter and cooked beans.
6. Leave to stand with lid on for five minutes. Season and serve.

EVER WONDER

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

Why you don't ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is it that Doctors call what they do 'practice'?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called the rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on planes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?!

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – JUNE

Mad Dogs & Englishmen

What a great day at the Cratfield Dog Show! The feedback was amazing - especially on how good it was to 'do something normal' again and the site of all the bunting and the marquee, tea & cakes and BBQ cheered everyone up. Huge thanks to Rebecca Sannick and all the many helpers – whether you put up the marquee, booked people (and dogs!) in, melted over the BBQ, parked the cars (or advised the public that no, they could not park their shiny new 4x4 in the middle of where the children were playing just because the grass was shorter), baked cakes or sliced cakes, filled rolls, tackled the mountain of washing up, heaved tables & chairs around, cut the grass (special thanks to Dan!) donated or ran or purchased a raffle ticket - a huge thank you!

Many thanks to Heather Hargood

After 21 years on the committee, Heather has decided to step down and we all are truly thankful for everything she has done over that time on the committee – from running raffles, catering, making curtains and banners and miles of bunting, attending all those hundreds of meetings, running the 100 Club – and everything in between!

Due to Heather stepping down we desperately need some help with the 100 CLUB – if you could help please do contact Natalie – natalie.l.evans@gmail.com. It would take about 30 ish minutes once a month. Carolyn White as treasurer will take over the official role as promoter, but as she currently does not live in the village we need someone with a spare half hour to help out. Please do get in contact with Natalie to find out more if you feel you could help. The 100 Club has paid for a huge amount of improvements over the years – not just at the Village Hall, but at the Church too – so it really does benefit the whole village.

Jubilee Event / Pop Up Pub first Friday of each month / 3RD June

Hopefully this magazine reaches you in time – if so, a quick reminder of the running order of the afternoon - 3 – 5 pm – FREE afternoon tea with Tree Dedication at 4pm and afternoon games for all the family / 6pm – Bar opens / 7pm – BBQ and live music from Tony Winn and Johnny G. All the children in the village will receive a commemorative platinum jubilee mug during the afternoon so please do come along and join in the afternoon tea.

Please note – for the BBQ we will be taking the payment for food AND drink at the bar.

Pop Up Pubs

After the June Pop Up Pub which coincides with the Jubilee celebrations, the next two pop up pubs will be Friday 1st July and Friday 5th August. Doors open 6pm and we hope to be running the BBQ again also.

Photographic Competition – Saturday 15th October 2022

Entry forms will be coming out in the summer – but that is no excuse to not start thinking about the categories and start snapping away now. The categories are – Cratfield Flower Power, Suffolk Textures and Suffolk Perspective. It is only £1 a photo to enter and children can enter for free. You do not need a professional camera to enter – a lot of winning photos have been snapped over the years on phones and tablets. Go on – have a go!

Cratfield Talks

We have two very interesting new talks on the horizon and we are just firming up dates and timings – watch this space and the village Facebook page for more details.

Acoustic Night

Dates are being confirmed and artists are being booked – so again, keep an eye on the village magazine and Facebook page for all the details.

100 CLUB –

100 Club winners numbers drawn by NOVA Ladies Group. 1st Rebecca Sannick No: 48 £15.00 / 2nd Julie Pasque No: 65 £10.00 / 3rd Tim Wyatt No: 74 £5.00. Congratulations to all the winners!

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The view from the Platinum Jubilee

I still have a biscuit-coloured monochrome Coronation Mug. My Mother told me that all new babies were given one in the Coronation Year. Elizabeth ascended the throne in February 1952 and her Coronation took place in June 1953.



I was born in December 1952 - my life, and her reign have coincided. The mug was not pretty enough to display and lived at the back of the pantry for years. It was of little use as a drinking vessel which probably helped it survive; at most it provided a home for a couple of yellowing green shield stamps and a knot of small perished rubber bands. Knowing it was mine, however, gave me a slight thrill of ownership, even a small sense of destiny, as I eyed it from time to time during my childhood. It was mine, marked my place in history, and would always be mine – much like the one-pound premium bond bought for me in the mid-fifties. Neither item has proved to be a great investment. The premium bond has never won a prize and an original Coronation Mug can be easily obtained for around eleven quid on the internet. Nevertheless, I have kept both of them, and they are still mine to view, modern Elizabethan that I am, in this year of the Platinum Jubilee.

And at this time of the Platinum Jubilee what do I see? Time to examine my relationship with Queen Elizabeth after being her subject for seventy years? Time to examine my place in seventy years of history?

No. What I can see is the view through the window from our Cratfield dining table – no more and no less. It is absorbing enough. On this late May day what I notice first is our glorious hawthorn – a great mound of blossom – a pile of white clad dancers bouncing on the breeze. Beneath the arch the dancers have made is a tunnel through which I can glimpse the blue ramparts of the rosemary hedge that lines the boundary ditch. Beyond the hawthorn on the edge of the boundary of the field are the six poplar trees John Horsman planted and which form a landmark as big as a church. Rolling off into the distance is a winding view across the trees and hedges as far as the tree fringed horizon. Everywhere the hedges are smeared with creamy hawthorn blossom and the green flecked white foam of cow parsley laps along the edges of distant ditches.

Left of centre at the front and within two or three meters of the

window is the bird feeder – a constant source of interest, entertainment, and drama. If our Cratfield garden were Walford, as far as the birds are concerned, it would be the Queen Vic – a neutral meeting place where characters can mix, meet up and act out their little dramas. There are the wrens, the dunnocks, the chaffinches, the green finches, the gold finches, the odd yellow hammer and the ubiquitous pigeons and collared doves. Most of the little birds disappear at the slightest hint of human kerfuffle but the pigeons, prosaic creatures that they are, stir only reluctantly. Their motto is, I am sure, 'We know no fear'. Quite often Sir Percival Strutalot the pheasant with his red masked eyes and coppery plumage can be seen parading around with his brown speckled hen harem – with a kind of brainless arrogance – a poor man's peacock.

And this is how the world looks from the lofty heights of the Platinum Jubilee to this Coronation mug owning Cratfieldian Elizabethan.



Nigel Cousins

Quiz Answers

1. 2nd June 1953
2. 1947
3. Balmoral
4. 2 (Charles and Anne)
5. 30th March 2002
6. Archbishop of Canterbury (Geoffrey Fisher)
7. 21st April 1926
8. Eight
9. Norman Hartnell
10. Corgi
11. Queen Victoria
12. Australia
13. Two whitefell ponies
14. 69
15. Carrozza
16. October 1940
17. 1977
18. The Tower of London
19. Peter Phillips
20. October 1991

2022 Mobile Library Dates

Tuesdays

14th June, 12th July, 9th August 6th September, 4th October, 29th November

Silverleys Green 14.15 – 14.35

The Poacher 14.45 – 14.55

Cratfield Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2022

- Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7.30pm
 - Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm
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Ministry in and around our parishes is carried out by our lay elders, self-supporting ministers and members of the churches. There is also an army of volunteers who help keep our church and churchyards in good order and enhance what the churches have to offer. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who support and help; from cleaners to bell ringers, flower arrangers to fundraising support. We could not be here for our parishes without you.

If there is someone in the benefice to whom you usually go for help, encouragement or a baptism or funeral, please continue to go to them. Nevertheless, if you have a problem and do not know where to take it please feel free to email me or leave a message on my landline.

Church buildings are wonderful and can give us a sense of belonging and peace. However, God's love and presence can be found walking in a field, watching a sunset or looking up at the stars and we can also find his love in one another. No matter who you are, where you come from, what you have done, there is a place for you in God's family and he loves you whether you acknowledge him or not because he is love. If you want to know more about God or faith, speak to one of our ministers; they would be happy to chat.

God bless

Susan

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Also, I do not check my emails after 5pm on Friday until 9.30am on Monday.

Keep safe

ST. MARY'S CHURCH SERVICES JUNE 2022

Sunday 12th	Sunday 19th	Sunday 26th
6.00pm Evening Prayer	9.00am Village Worship	9.00am Holy Communion
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Reader P. Baker	Reader D. Peacock	Reader M. Powell
Readings Prov 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Readings Isaiah 65:1-9 Gal 3:23-end Luke 8:26-39	Readings 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-end Galaxy 5:1, 14-25 Luke 9:51-end

As the summer months approach us Evening Prayer and Village Worship, weather permitting, may be taken outside in the Churchyard. The birdsong is beautiful.

Please see our double page spread for the Swing Band Concert. To make the evening even more 'special' why not book a pre-concert meal. Weather permitting tables will be laid up outside in the beautiful grounds of St. Mary's along with the Bar Tent.

These meals will have to be booked so please look at the menus in our ad and ring Margaret to book. In order to get everyone served we will restrict numbers for this opportunity, so please book quickly in order to avoid disappointment.

No travel, hassle free, top acoustic venue, all on your doorstep. So walk down and make this evening special, as only Cratfield can.

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